

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today is called Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel is about Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus tells us that sheep will not heed a stranger's voice. There are many strange voices in our world today. Let us pray for ears to hear the voice of the true shepherd.

THE READINGS:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter calls those who rejected Jesus to repent and be baptized.

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Christ suffered and left us an example.

John 10:1-10

Sheep do not heed the stranger's voice.

Offertory Collection

April 30, 2006

\$1131.00

Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for the Air conditioning of the church.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from April 29th – May 13th for the people of St. Paul's Parish.

Eternal rest grant to Thomas Pennock, Fr. John Conmy, OSFS, Joseph Wisniewski, Sr., father of Seminarian, Joseph Wisniewski, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Congratulations to David Rogers who made his first confession last Sunday.

Lectors – we are in need of lectors, especially for the Saturday evening Mass. Please contact Susan Walker at 836-9892 for more information.

Mother's Day Cards are available on the table in the vestibule. All mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers will be remembered at all Masses during the month of May.

Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale - Roses will be sold on Mother's Day weekend (May 13th and 14th) to aid Birthright of Delaware that has pregnancy centers in Newark and Wilmington. The suggested donation for one rose is \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00, or a dozen for \$18.00. Your support is greatly appreciated!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	May 6,	5:00 PM (rip) Rose Gott by Ruth Press
Sunday,	May 7,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	May 8,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	May 9,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	May 10,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	May 11,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	May 12,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	May 13,	5:00 PM MASS FOR ALL MOTHERS (living & deceased)
Sunday,	May 14,	9:00 AM MASS FOR ALL MOTHERS (living & deceased)

Catholic Forum – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on 1150AM WDEL and on the Internet at www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, May 14th, Fr. Leonard Klein and Dr. Kevin Ruth discuss The Da Vinci Code. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington

Vocations - Referring to Jesus, today's responsorial psalm declares that "the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone." Religious women and men take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience – values often rejected by the dominant culture. Their lives and ministry have been magnificently used by God in the building up of the Body of Christ. Is God calling you to join them? Call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; jcocucci@cdow.org).

2006 Annual Catholic Appeal – Last weekend 26% of our parish responded to the 2006 Annual Catholic Appeal – "Breaking Bread, Bearing Witness". We have received pledges totaling \$6948.00 toward our goal of \$9100. We are making good progress toward our goal, however to achieve complete success, we need everyone to participate. Therefore, everyone who has yet to make a pledge is asked to prayerfully consider supporting the ministries of our Diocese in addition to our local parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal is all about helping people. Over 100,000 individuals and families throughout our Diocese are helped each year through this campaign. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides those in need with not only life's material essentials but spiritual assistance, religious instruction and guidance that is so crucial to overcoming life's greatest struggles.

Whether or not you wish to contribute, it is important that you complete a pledge card. If you do not wish to contribute, simply indicate the words "No Gift" on the card. This will save the Diocese the time and expense of a follow-up contact.

For your convenience, pledge cards have been made available in the windowsills and can be acquired immediately after Mass. Thank you.

Why Go to Church – A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals, but for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work.

If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment.